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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: POSSIBLE TWA SERVICE TO VIENNA

REF: STATE 226651

1. TWA HAS ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT IT IS FILING APPLICATION WITH CAB FOR IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY TO SERVE VIENNA. IT PROPOSES TO BEGIN SERVICE ON OCTOBER 29 (I.E., WHEN PANAM SUSPENDS) AND TO OPERATE FOUR WEEKLY FLIGHTS IN WINTER AND DAILY IN SUMMER SEASON VIA GENEVA.

2. WHILE CAB APPROVAL OF APPLICATION CANNOT BE ASSURED, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES APPROVAL IS LIKELY. THERE COULD OF COURSE ALSO BE APPLICATIONS BY OTHER AIRLINES.

3. TWA RECOGNIZES GOA OPPOSITION TO EXERCISE OF FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS BY US AIRLINES SERVING
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VIENNA, BUT WOULD LIKE NEVERTHELESS TO BE ABLE TO

CARRY (SOME) LOCAL GENEVA-VIENNA TRAFFIC IN ORDER TO IMPROVE VIABILITY OF SERVICE. AT THIS POINT, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR USG MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF A SPECIFIC US AIRLINE. HOWEVER, IT WOULD

BE APPROPRIATE FOR EMBASSY TO ADVISE AUSTRIANS
OF TWA INTENTIONS (WE UNDERSTAND AUSTRIANS ALREADY
KNOW) AND EXPRESS HOPE AUSTRIANS WILL FACILITATE ENTRY
OF WHATEVER US AIRLINE OR AIRLINES CAB MAY AUTHORIZE
FOR SERVICE TO VIENNA. IN THIS CONTEXT, EMBASSY
COULD INFORMALLY NOTE THAT A REPLACEMENT US AIRLINE,
SUCH AS TWA, COULD WELL AGAIN WANT TO RAISE THE QUESTION
OF IMPROVING THE VIABILITY OF A SERVICE TO VIENNA BY
CARRYING SOME LOCAL (FIFTH FREEDOM) TRAFFIC ON THE
ROUTE, AND EMBASSY COULD ASK THAT AUSTRIANS KEEP AN OPEN
MIND ON THIS MATTER.

4. UNLESS OBJECTION PERCEIVED, EMBASSY REQUESTED MAKE
APPROACH SUGGESTED ABOVE IN ORDER TEST THE WATER ON
POSSIBILITY REOPENING FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS QUESTION
EITHER FORMALLY BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OR BETWEEN TWA AND
GOA. CHRISTOPHER

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